The Female Robber.

YOU Females of every ſtation
give Ear to my frolickſome Song;
The like was ne'er known in the Nation,
'twas done by a Female ſo Young:
She bought her a Horſe and a Bridle,
a ſaddle and piſtol alſo,
Reſolving not to lie idle,
for upon the Highway ſhe would go.
There's a girl for an earl, nineteen years and no more,
ſuch Tricks to be done, by a Woman ſo Young,
ſure never was known before.

She cloathed her elf in great ſplender,
for breeches and ſword ſhe had on.
Her body appear'd mighty ſlender,
ſhe was ſized like ſome pretty Young man.
And thus like a padder ſo witty,
ſhe mounted with ſpeed on her mare.
She left all her friends in the city,
and ſteered her courſe towards Ware.

The firſt that ſhe met was a Grocer,
a-walking with his cane in his hand.
She ſoon to the ſpark rid up cloſer,
and briskly ſhe bid him to ſtand;
She took from him but a guinea.
The next was a Taylor with ſheers;
Becauſe the poor rogue had no money,
ſhe gently cut off his ears.

The next that ſhe met was a Tanner;
for the loſs of his money he cry'd:
Becauſe that he baul'd out ſo manly,
ſhe gently tanned his hide.
She rode about ſeven miles further,
and there a ſtage-coach ſhe did rob;
The paſſengers all cry'd out murder:
but that was a fifty pound job.

The next that ſhe met was a Quaker;
ſhe told him ſhe muſt have his coin.
Says he, Thou ſilly Wiſe-acre,
thou ſhalt have no money of mine.
She ſhew'd him a piſtol to prove;
he told her by Yea and by Nay,
That ſince the good ſpirit did move him,
ſhe might take all the money away.

The next was an Exciſeman ſhe attack'd;
ſhe bid him deliver with ſpeed.
He often of valour had boaſted;
but he was a coward indeed.
She rifled him then of his money.
O this was a very rich prize!
She took from him fourſcore guineas,
which he had receiv'd for exciſe.

The next that ſhe met was a Welſhman;
ſhe bid him to ſtand at a word:
He ſwore Cot's-plutter he'd kill her,
if he had got but a ſword.
The next that ſhe met were ſome padders,
well mounted upon their bay nags.
Oh! that made her ſo much the gladder;
ſhe told them ſhe wanted their bags.

They thought ſhe'd ſurely fight them,
prepar'd themſelves out of hand;
But ſhe was reſolv'd to fright them,
ſhe D----'d them, and bid them to ſtand:
The Highwaymen drew out their Rapiers,
and bid her ſtand to her guard:
But away this Maid ſhe did caper,
the Highwaymen follow'd her hard.

They follow'd, and ſoon overtook her;
they ſearch'd her breeches with ſpeed:
And as they did well overlook her,
they found her a Woman indeed.
The Highwaymen all ſtood amazed,
but had no cauſe to complain;
Then with her they did what they pleaſed,
And gave her the money again.